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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

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Total Claims Fee	22	*27	0	x \$9.00	x \$18.00	
Independent Claims	3	** 7	0	x \$43.00	x \$86.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$145.00	\$290.00	
TOTAL FILING FEE						
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Other enclosures:

Amendment Transmittal Letter
Application No. 09/650,275

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Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Office action of October 27, 2003,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.